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Ms. Jean Stone Hearing Officer Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

> Re: Proposed Settlement of Tennessee American Water Company, Docket No. 04-00288

Dear Ms. Stone:

This letter is to advise you that the City of Chattanooga is willing to join in the Proposed Settlement Agreement between the Consumer Advocate Division and the Tennessee American Water Company. We understand that the Chattanooga Manufacturer's Association has some difference with respect to rate design, and the City is sympathetic to CMA's proposal. In the final analysis, however, we are willing to agree to either the CMA rate design proposed changes or a rate structure that provides an across the board increase.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL A. McMAHAN

MAM/spb

cc: All parties of record

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re: TAWC Proposed Settlement.

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